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Charles Sterndale Bennett, the celebrated American baritone, who is a member of the Herbert Withers and Madame Soprano Concert Company, shortly to be heard here in the course of their tour round the world, is in strong favour with King Edward VII, by whom he has frequently been entertained at Sandringham, and has on several occasions lent his services for charities in which His Majesty is especially interested. It was after one of the latter concerts, last shooting season, that the King happened to notice Mr. Bennett, who was one of the guests, just as His Majesty was in the act of bringing down a woodcock. "It was awfully kind of Mr. Bennett to help us so much last night," he said to one of his gentlemen. "Just go over to him and thank him for me now. And—stay—take him these feathers and say from me that he has won the right to put them in his hat, with my compliments." Needless to say, Mr. Bennett treasures those particular feathers. They give new life to the old saying as to "a feather in his cap." Mr. Bennett's last extra important English engagement was as the principal soloist for the Handel Festival Society's great concert at the Crystal Palace, London, on the 20th June last, when "The Golden Legend" was given with a chorus of 5,000 voices. On his present tour round the world he has now associates Madame Soprano the famous Covent Garden prima donna soprano (the wife of Senator Carlos Sobrino), Herbert Withers, the great cellist, and Madame Marguerite Elzy, solo pianist—the Company being declared to be the strongest concert attraction ever heard in the Far East. The tour is directed by Mr. C. H. Gibbons, who directed Madame Albani's round-the-world tour of last year.

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The Board of Trade has awarded a binocular glass to Captain Kanshoo Khor, master of the Japanese steamer Saito Maru, of Tokyo, in recognition of his services in rescuing the two survivors of the crew of the British steamship Dunearn, of Leith, which foundered in the Sea of Japan on August 26.

The Charpyia, Captain the Hon. Stanhope Hawke, has arrived home with the paid off crew of the cruise ship Astra, which, as our readers know, has been recommissioned with a new crew from England for further service on the China Station. The late crew of the Astra proceeded on foreign service as soon as they were paid off at Chatham Dockyard on October 22.

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THE CURRENCY OF CHINA.

Among the correspondence dealt with by the Committee of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce at its last meeting was a letter from the Hon. Mr F. H. May, the Colonial Secretary, enclosing an authorized translation of an Imperial decree dated October 5th, and of the memorial of the Government Council upon which it was based, ordaining the introduction of an uniform silver currency throughout the Empire of which a coin weighing one K'ung, or Treasury, tael is to be the unit. We append the translations:—

DECREE.

Peking Gazette, 5th October, 1908.
An Imperial Decree in response to a memorial of Prince Ching and other Ministers of the Government Council, and of Prince Pu-lin and other Members of the Senate, who, in obedience to our Commands, have deliberated upon the subject of an uniform national currency.

A standard currency is the fundamental principle of public finance, and various countries have adopted a gold coin as their unit of value, with a subsidiary currency of silver and copper tokens. Under well-framed regulations such currencies have been found convenient and profitable. But it requires years of preparation to be ready for such a measure, which can be no means to be attained at one step. The finances of China are in confusion and the standardizing of the currency is an urgent necessity. If actual gold coins were to be taken as the standard unit, it would be difficult to raise the necessary amount; while if gold were merely taken nominally as the standard unit, grave dangers would be incurred. It is evident therefore that we should first standardize and uniform the silver currency, and then carefully proceed to take measures for a further advance; with a view to assuring the adoption of a gold standard in the future.

The memorialists have pointed out that the use of the tael and its fractions has been so long established that it would be difficult to substitute any other denomination in its place. The Committee of Finance in a previous memorial also recommended the determination of the tael as the silver coin to be used.

We therefore command that a large silver coin shall be struck weighing one K'ung tael, and that large quantities of silver coins weighing 5 of a K'ung tael shall also be minted for general convenience in use. Also there shall be small pieces, of one mace and of five cattans, of less pure silver, which will serve as subsidiary currency. The two silver coins aforesaid shall be 980 fine, while the two small silver pieces will be 880 fine.

This silver currency, except in so far as calculations under Treaties and Agreements with Foreign Powers will require to be made as before, shall be uniformly used by all Yamen, great or small, in Peking or the Provinces, in all their Treasury transactions, and all allowances for difference of weight or touch, or metage fees &c. shall henceforth be perpetually forbidden.

Let the Governors General and Governors of Provinces examining the conditions in their jurisdiction and devise means in conjunction with the Board of Finance for determining afresh, either by increasing or decreasing as the case may be, the allowances and rice money of territorial authorities and tax-collectors while doing together with the expenditure for travelling on the public, and let the rates be published openly by proclamation so that the populations of clerks may be abolished for ever.

As regards the diversity of silver currency in the various provinces, and the differences of touch, which give dishonest traders and market dealers the opportunity for demanding discounts and profits of each transaction, grievous injury is inflicted thereby on all classes, and the Board of Finance is now commanded to issue stringent regulations forbidding such practices in the future, with the view that in a given number of years the national silver currency may become completely uniform.

Until the new coinage has been minted in sufficient quantities the dollar and subsidiary silver pieces in use in the Provinces, as well as the syca, may be used as before, for the time being, on the market, and treasury payments may still be made in syca for the present, but must be made by diminishing the value of the new silver coinage. On these questions let the Board of Finance carefully consider the circumstances and take satisfactory steps for the execution of this measure.

Let this Decree be generally circulated in all parts.

MEMORIAL OF THE GOVERNMENT COUNCIL
(HUI I CHENG WU CHU) ON THE QUESTION
OF A UNIFORM NATIONAL CURRENCY.

The Special Envoy to America, Tang Shao-ji, having memorialized the Throne on September 22nd, praying that effect should be given to all the Articles of the Commercial Treaty, and that the question of currency should be speedily determined, the present memorialists were commanded to deliberate and report thereon without delay.

As the Throne is aware, the question of currency has been considered repeatedly by the high authorities in the Capital, and investigated and reported upon by all the Provincial Authorities. Special Memoranda on the subject have also been submitted by Chang Chih-tung, Lu Ch'ien-ling, and Yuan Shih-kai, as well as by the Board of Finance, all of which, under a Decree of April 20th, were handed over to the Government Council and the Senate for consideration. All this shows sufficiently the great care which has been bestowed by the Throne on this important question.

Now, the freedom of communication throughout the world renders this question of currency of still greater import than ever before, if we were to follow the rest of the world we should adopt a gold standard. But if the present conditions prevailing in China be our guide, we should use a silver standard. Moreover, if the principles underlying the development of currencies be examined, it will be found that between the extremes of copper and gold there must always be an intermediary stage of a silver currency; and for these reasons it is both right and suitable that China should now begin at first with a silver standard.

But, although the adoption of a silver currency has been unanimously advocated, there has been by no means the same unity of opinion as to whether it should be a tael or dollar currency. The present memorialists have considered this point most profoundly, and, from the reports of the Governors-General and Governors of Provinces that eleven Provinces favour the tael against eight in favour of the dollar—the remainder either advocating the use of both concurrently, or proposing the introduction of a new coin of 7 mace.

Tang Tach'en, in his Memorial, also favoured the tael currency, and from the point of view of national dignity it seems to us that we ought to try and stand alone, and that we cannot afford to throw away our sovereign rights in order to gratify the wishes of others; while from the point of view of the people we should follow a course suitable to the greater number, and not change a tradition of the country for the convenience of open ports or trading ports. This is as much a fundamental principle for our guidance in making the enactment to-day, as it will be an essential factor for the future success of the measure itself; and as we have dealt with this point in previous Memorials there is no need to elaborate it further. We now propose merely to present a few of the principal arguments on both sides in the problem of adopting a dollar or a tael currency.

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General Memoranda.

MONDAY, November 23.—

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MONDAY, November 30.—

St. Andrew's Ball, at City Hall.

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THE OPIUM QUESTION.

EARLY SUPPRESSION IN CROWN COLONIES ADVOCATED.

(Exclusive Service supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, November 20.

Thirty members of Parliament interested in the opium question have conferred together privately. They advocate the suppression of the opium trade in the Crown Colonies at the earliest possible moment. It is reported that a propaganda in this respect is to be instituted in the House of Commons and throughout the country prior to the forthcoming conference at Shanghai in January.

DEATH OF PRINCE CHING.

THE LATE EMPEROR LYING IN STATE.

IMPORTANT ARRESTS.

(With Ts. Yut Po's Service.)

PEKING, November 10.

The name selected for the new reign is Hsien and it is awaiting the sanction of His Royal Highness Prince Chun.

The Chief Eunuch, Li Lun Ying, and Tsui, Superintendent of the Palace, have been arrested, the latter on account of having exceeded his powers.

The body of the late Emperor is lying in state in the Ancestral Palace, where only the Emperors worship. The new Emperor, Prince Regent Chun, the Grand Councillors and high officers visited the Ancestral Palace to witness the lying in state of the late Emperor.

The Empress-Dowager, queen of the late Emperor, had an anxious consultation with concubine Khan and ordered the Government to pay her taels 500 per month.

Persistent rumours are current in Tientsin, Shanghai and Peking that Yuan Shikai says he will assassinate the new Emperor.

The Government have ordered the arrest of persons heard making such statements.

Prince Ching died yesterday afternoon.

LATER.

Pending the approval of the Regent, Prince Chun, the new reign cycle is known as Shun Tung (宣通) as suggested by Chung Chih-tung.

[Note.—These two characters mean "Spread good policy throughout the Empire," and are to be adopted from the first day of the first moon next year.—ED. C.M.]

The principal Eunuchs Li Lin Yin and Wang, with two others surnamed Chiu, have been sent to the Board of Law for punishment, being charged with attempting to obtain power and with interfering in important affairs at the Palace.

Prince Chun advocates the early establishment of a Parliament.

A CURIOUS SQUABBLE.

The Viceroy of Canton has just ordered Pector Chu to seek out who amongst the officials have not yet given up opium-smoking. This man is said to be a very stern and determined official. In the course of his duties he came in contact with Prefect Lau, who has a house near the North Gate. Chu, suspecting that Prefect Lau was addicted to the pipe, determined to examine into the matter and search the premises. This Lau as determinedly resisted and a serious struggle arose between them. The result was that each man sent in a petition to the Viceroy complaining of the other, the one and the other describing what is said to have happened from his own point of view. Now the affair has been handed over to the District Judge and Treasurer to be sifted out and annotated upon and probably there will not be very much hesitation as to their finding, inasmuch as opium-smoking is unpopular just now with officials and especially with the Viceroy. It is already "bad form."

We note in the Paris edition of the New York *Herald*, that Mr. John Fowler, U.S. Consul at Chefoo, denounces Mr. Li Sung-ling "as an impostor. He is nothing but a Hongkong Ch' man." But Mr. Li Sung-ling never professed to be anything else but a representative Chinese journalist from Hongkong, whatever the New York *Herald* may have said about him during the time it thought it profitable to "deem him."

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THE CARNEGIE HERO FUND.

The Exclusion of British Seafarers.

The following correspondence on this matter has transpired between the Imperial Merchant Service Guild and Mr. Carnegie:

The Imperial Merchant Service Guild, The Arcade, Lord Street, Liverpool, 9th October, 1908.

Andrew Carnegie, Esq.

Sir—I beg to return thanks for your letter of the 29th ult. It would cause wide and profound regret were the seafarers of our countrymen excluded from the scope of this splendid fund which you have created especially because their occupation, which commands absence on their part from the United Kingdom.

Their labour is performed on the high seas, there is a hard and very poorly remunerated lot, and, in very many respects, they fare considerably worse than those whose work enables them to remain permanently ashore. In the matter of voting, for instance, they are, to all intents and purposes, disenchanted, and consequently they cannot command a Parliamentary influence which should otherwise prevail.

Therefore, it would seem very hard that, conspicuous as their bravery and humanity has been on the high seas, they should not be recognised as having the opportunity to participate in the advantages and privileges which will arise out of the Carnegie Hero Fund. This will be particularly so as the position stands at present, for out of the cases of bravery in the British mercantile marine there are but very few which happen in our local coastal waters.

We gather from your letter that you feel that it is not possible to thoroughly investigate a case of bravery performed by a British seafarer when it occurs outside the British Islands, or the waters thereof. But then has never been any greater difficulty in obtaining full, complete, and reliable information regarding brave deeds at sea than there has been in similar cases ashore. In fact, in most cases at sea, the presence of plenty of eye-witnesses is all the more probable.

In proof of what I say I may say that the Royal Humane Society, of which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is President—whose medals and decorations are deemed of very high order—cannot find no difficulty in inquiring the fullest information respecting acts of personal bravery on British ships, and the Society does not confine its scope to our own local shores.

If the administrators of the Carnegie Hero Fund were not satisfied that they had complete and correct information of an act of bravery at sea, then it would not reasonably be expected that they should devote any part of the Fund towards it.

The resources of the Fund are quite ample enough to admit of seafarers being included.

If only in the interests of humanity, we would admit that they merit the greatest encouragement in saving life at sea. They themselves frequently risk personal hardships and danger, and thus are able to appreciate in what serious jeopardy they must place themselves when attempting to rescue others.

I may mention that, not long ago, two different cases arose where members of the Guild lost their lives on the high seas in attempting to save others, and their widow were left in very straitened circumstances.

According to your present proposals such cases could not be considered inasmuch as the administrators of the Fund which you have initiated, and we submit that it would be solely left by widows and orphans left behind.

We greatly regret to trouble you any further in connection with this matter, but do so knowing your readiness to give your attention to any question of benevolence in most deserving cases, especially where it is needed in a spirit of humanity. Could you only say that any special enquiry of the part of the British seafarers in the high seas from British ships in port should, would at least receive consideration at the hands of those who administer the fund—they in such cases being given the power to use it as we have suggested, if deemed deserving—we feel sure that whilst appreciated by the public at large it would command the very sincere gratitude of seafarers in this country.—I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,

(Signed) T. W. Moore,
Secretary.

Skibo Castle,
Sutherland, October 12th, 1908.

Dear Sir.—We can hardly go on of 9th instant. He agrees with his trustees that they have quite enough to do organising the Hero Fund at home. What they may do in later years will be known later. They feel that you have undertaken a difficult task.—Respectfully yours,

(Signed) J. B. BRETRAM,
Secretary.

The Imperial Merchant Service Guild,
The Imperial Merchant Service Guild,
Liverpool, 15th October, 1908.

Andrew Carnegie, Esq.

Sir.—In thanking you for your further favour of the 12th inst., we can only express the hope that, as the organisation of the Carnegie Hero Fund develops, it will be found quite practical to bring within its scope those of our countrymen who labour on the sea, which, as you truly stated when announcing the creation of the Fund, is the scene of many heroic acts.

We would point out that the difficulty you mention is really a governmental one, the advantages arising out of the Fund to those British subjects abroad—our dependents—actually residing in the United Kingdom.

We have only to ask that acts of heroism on British ships may be considered by the Trustees on their merits. From long observation and experience we can assure the Trustees that, in particular all cases of heroism in the British Merchant Service, those that deal with them and arriving at a decision satisfactory to themselves would be one of the greatest simplicities.

As we have pointed out previously, it is difficult to ascertain with any degree of certainty what is the status of the community. We sincerely trust that even yet it may be possible to avoid the exclusion from the Fund of those who, by the very nature and importance of their occupation, are worthy of the greatest sympathy and consideration at the hands of their fellow countrymen ashore. I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,

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THE KING'S MESSAGE TO INDIA.

SIMLA, November 1st.
His Majesty the King-Emperor's Message on the jubilee of Queen Victoria's Proclamation is follows:

1. It is now fifty years since Queen Victoria, my beloved mother and my august predecessor, on the Throne of these realms, for divers weighty reasons with the advice and consent of Parliament, took upon herself the government of the territories thereto administered by the Hon. East India Company. We deem this a fitting anniversary on which to greet the Princes and Peoples of India in commemoration of the exalted task then solemnly undertaken. Half a century is but a brief span in your long annals, yet this half century that ends to-day will stand as the flood of your history, the great dividing line in your history. The publication of the Queen's Proclamation of the unity of Indian Government and opened a new era. The peace was arduous and the advance may have sometimes seemed slow, but the incorporation of many strangely diversified communities and of some three hundred millions of the human race under British guidance and control has proceeded steadfastly and without a pause. We survey our labours of the past century with clear gaze and good conscience.

2. Difficulties such as attend all human rule in every age and place have risen upon us. The trials have been few.

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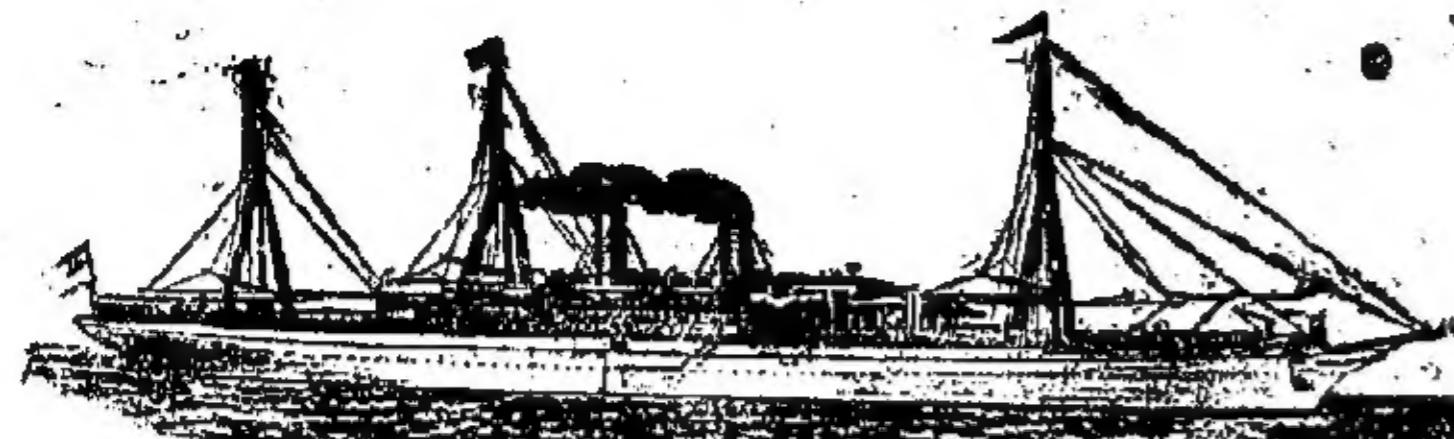
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